

**§ 127A-35. Elimination and disposition of officers; efficiency board; transfer to inactive status.**

(a) Whenever the efficiency or general fitness, including physical fitness, of a North Carolina National Guard officer is in question, the Adjutant General, State of North Carolina, may order the officer to appear before an efficiency board to determine whether or not the appointment of the officer should be withdrawn. The efficiency board will be composed of not less than three commissioned officers, all senior in rank to the officer undergoing investigation. A member of the board serving in a legal or medical advisory capacity may be junior to any person, other than a judge advocate, law specialist, or medical officer being considered. The findings of an efficiency board are not final until reviewed and approved by the Secretary of Public Safety and the Governor of the State of North Carolina.

(b) Commissions of officers of the North Carolina National Guard may be vacated upon resignation, absence without leave for 30 days, pursuant to sentence of a court martial, or pursuant to regulations promulgated by the secretary of the appropriate service.

(c) Officers of the North Carolina National Guard may, upon their own request, be transferred to the inactive North Carolina National Guard, subject to exceptions authorized by the Adjutant General, State of North Carolina, or the Secretary of Defense. (1917, c. 200, s. 28; C.S., s. 6818; 1959, c. 218, s. 9; 1975, c. 604, s. 2; 1977, c. 70, s. 2; 2009-281, s. 1; 2011-145, s. 19.1(g); 2011-195, s. 1(a).)